

## CONFESSED HE FORGED CHECKS

Young Negro Employee Forges Walter F. Rau's Name to Bank Checks But is Caught  
by R. M. Orr.

Is Arrested After Exciting Chase and Taken Before Magistrate Where He Pleads Guilty—  
Globe Clothing House Cashed One Forged Check.

James Henderson, alias James Brown, a young colored fellow about 23 years of age, is looking through the bars of the Lewis county jail today as the result of trying to satiate a craving desire for money by forging a check on the Traders' National bank Wednesday evening. Pay day didn't come often enough for James and he tried to run in an extra one or two between times.

Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock, James went into the office of the West Fork Oil and Natural Gas company on Fourth street and asked Mr. Alton C. Orr, one of the bookkeepers in the office, to cash a check for him. Mr. Orr referred him to the general manager, Mr. R. M. Orr. The general manager took the check which the negro presented. It was an order on the Traders' National bank for \$7, with the name of Walter F. Rau signed to it. Mr. Orr saw in a glance that the signature was a forged one, he being familiar with the writing that Mr. Rau usually winds up a check with. His suspicions were at once aroused, and he told the negro that he would cash the check if it was a good one. Henderson said that he was employed as a dish washer at the Glen Elk hotel, and that Mr. Rau had just given him the check for a week's wages.

Henderson then went out of the office and started up Fourth street. After he had gone Mr. Orr sent out after him and called him back. Policeman Harry Brooks, who happened to be on his beat, brought the fellow back to the office. Meanwhile Mr. Orr called up the Glen Elk hotel and learned that such a check had never been issued. He told Henderson that he would cash the order for him, but that in order to see whether it was good or not he would have to go over and see Mr. Rau about it. Mr. Orr retained the check.

So he took the man over to the Glen Elk for that purpose. When they had reached R. H. Thompson's drug store in the

Glen Elk hotel building, the negro told Mr. Orr that he had to go in the drug store for something. Orr went in with him. After he had entered the store, the negro pulled open the door which opens from the store into the bar room, and made a break for liberty. He ran down through the bar room, through the front part of the hotel and started down the walk towards the wholesale houses. Orr ran after him, but at the end of the hotel veranda he stopped and told Policeman Simms, who happened to be there, to get the man, and the policeman, together with Sam Wilson, the baggage man, chased after the negro.

Henderson, or Brown, or whatever his name may be, broke for the tall timber down West Baltimore street. Sam Wilson finally caught him down under one of Carskadon's houses below the cannon house. The negro had crawled under the house to hide. Policeman Simms then brought the man over to the city jail and locked him up.

Later in the evening Manager Orr went before Squire Riley and swore out a warrant for Henderson, charging him with forgery. The negro was arraigned before the magistrate. He entered a plea of guilty and was placed under a \$500 bond to appear at the next term of circuit court. Unable to give bond, he was placed in jail. Thursday morning he was taken to Weston by the county officers and incarcerated in the Lewis county jail.

It seems that Henderson has been working the check-forging scheme for some time. It was learned later that on last Monday he presented a check at the Globe clothing house on Pike street, in payment for \$3 worth of clothing he had purchased. The check was on the Traders' bank, signed by Mr. Rau, calling for \$9. The check was cashed and the \$6 difference was given him.

## INSTITUTE CHANGES OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

THEY ARE TO BE PAID BY THE DAY FOR ATTENDING INSTITUTIONS  
BUT MUST PAY MORE FOR CERTIFICATES.—QUESTIONS  
WILL BE UNIFORM.

Thomas C. Miller, state superintendent of free schools, was here last evening en route from Charleston to Fairmont to attend to some private business matters. Mr. Miller, the past few months, has been very busy looking after the normal and other schools of the state. He has been warmly congratulated upon all sides for the manner in which he showed his undivided interest in the free schools of the state, having devoted himself entirely to the work before him.

After having studied the amendments carefully, and learning of the new work that is heaped upon him, he knows that the additional duties of his position have become such that he will, of necessity, employ not less than three more persons in his office.

This is made necessary by the fact that after ninety days, subsequent to the passage of the county examination amendment, the county examination of teachers will, in a manner, devolve upon him and his assistants, as the questions hereafter will be prepared by the state superintendent and the questions will be sent from that office each year, as near to the time of the examination as practicable. Then, as an additional duty,

the examination papers will be passed upon at that office. The grading will not hereafter be done by the county board of examiners, but by the state superintendent, or, in fact, his assistants. By this amendment the county board is done away with.

Something that will be learned with no little degree of pleasure by the teachers in the state is that hereafter for the five days they attend institute each year they will each receive \$1.50 a day, or \$7.50 for the term of each institute. But, on the other hand, they will each be required to pay \$2 for a certificate, instead of \$1 as heretofore. The certificates will be held by the state superintendent, who will counter-sign them.

The institute fee, which will be paid by each one registered as being in attendance, will be \$1. After the payment of the two fees required, the difference between them and the amount received will be \$4.50, or a sufficient amount to pay the actual expenses of one attending institute in a small town. The institutes must be held immediately before the beginning of the term of school, which fact promises to be of benefit.

William Beckwith, barber for C. W. Killingsworth, in Glen Elk, has gone to the bedside of his son in Buckhannon. The latter has scarlet fever.

Rev. Ed. Fellers is here today from Salem.  
R. W. Rittenhouse is here today from Sardis.

## PROF. WILLIS MARRIED

LEADS MISS VANCAMP, ONE OF  
MORGANTOWN'S PAIR DAUGHTERS, TO HYMENIAL  
ALTAR.

Wedding Solemnized at High Noon in Presence of Only Few Very Close Friends and Relatives.—Will Reside in Morgantown.

Professor Dennis M. Willis and Miss Gillian Van Camp were united in marriage at high noon Wednesday, March 25, 1903, at the home of the bride near Harmony Grove, Monongalia county. The ceremony was performed by Dr. M. F. Compton in the presence of a few intimate friends and near relatives. There were no attendants.

The wedding was an extremely pretty one. The parlors were handsomely decorated with cut flowers for the occasion. The bride looked charming in a very handsome gown, and every detail of the ceremony was prettily carried out.

Mr. Willis is a well-known instructor in the University, and is one of the most popular of the faculty. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Willis, of Bridgeport, this county, but has made his home in Morgantown for a number of years. He has a host of friends who will join the Telegram in extending the sincerest congratulations.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Camp, of Harmony Grove. She, also, is well known in Morgantown and this city, and has a large circle of friends who will wish her the greatest happiness as Mrs. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis left on the 3:10 train the same evening for a honeymoon trip in New York. They will return to Morgantown about April 1, and make their home there.

## INTEREST SOLD IN BRICK PLANT

Contractor McKeehan Buys Half Interest in the Clarksburg Brick Works.

W. Clayton McKeehan, the well known contractor and builder, has purchased the one-half interest in the Clarksburg brick works on Clay street of James M. Coffman, who has so successfully conducted the plant for years.

The price paid by Mr. McKeehan was \$5,000.

The plant will be greatly enlarged and improved, making it the largest handmade brick works in Central West Virginia.

There is a great demand now for handmade brick, and as Mr. Coffman has the contract for quite a number of the large business buildings in Clarksburg, he finds his plant entirely too small to accommodate his patrons. The plant at present gives employment to 25 or 30 men. Its capacity will be doubled.

## TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Miss Melissa Vincent Adjudged Insane and Committed to That Institution.

Miss Melissa Vincent, of Gypsy, was taken to the Weston asylum yesterday afternoon by an attendant from the institution. She had been adjudged insane and committed by Magistrate Watson, of Shinnston. Miss Vincent is the daughter of the Rev. Aaron Vincent, deceased, and a sister of Marion T. Vincent, of Shinnston. She is about 55 years of age. She has been in the asylum at Weston once and was also in an asylum in New York state for a while.

## GENERAL SHAKE-UP WILL TAKE PLACE

ON THE WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL AND PITTSBURG, AMONG ITS OFFICIALS, WHOSE RESIGNATIONS ARE REPORTED.

Elkins, W. Va., March 26.—A general change among the officials of the West Virginia and Pittsburgh railway is about to take place.

William H. Bower, it is understood, has resigned as assistant general manager of the combined railroads owned by ex-Senator Henry G. Davis and Senator Stephen B. Elkins, including the Coal and Coke railroad, the Roaring Creek and Charleston railroad, the Morgantown and Kingwood railroad and the Charleston, Clendenin and Sutton railroad.

Austin Gallagher, brother-in-law of Winslow S. Pierce, chairman of the executive board of the Western Maryland railroad, who, it is stated, will succeed Mr. Bower, left Cumberland with the latter and General Freight Agent William T. Hunter in the private car West Virginia

on a tour of inspection over the line.

Charles Emmert, who was chief clerk to Mr. Bower, has resigned to become purchasing agent of the Davis-Elkins roads. G. B. Owens has resigned as engineer of maintenance of the West Virginia Central to go with the Erie. It is reported that William T. Hunter will also resign as general freight agent of the West Virginia Central to go with the Davis-Elkins roads. It is said Mr. Hunter did not care to go to Baltimore as the transfer was hardly in the nature of a promotion.

General manager Calten L. Bretz of the West Virginia Central, went to New York yesterday. It has been reported for some time that he will resign, but it is not generally credited. Mr. Bretz and President Ramsey of the Wabash in their early days, were railroad men in the same office.

## INDIANA MACHINE WORKS

WANT TO LOCATE HERE

CONCERN SENDS AN INQUIRY ABOUT INDUCEMENTS AND NATURAL ADVANTAGES.—SECRETARY OF BOARD OF TRADE WILL TAKE MATTER UP.

There are prospects for the establishment of additional machine works in Clarksburg. An Indiana concern wants to locate here on account of the superior natural advantages, such as cheap fuel afforded by reason of the immense quantities of gas in this section, and has written a letter of inquiry to Anthony

Bowen, secretary of the board of trade. Mr. Bowen received the letter this morning and has not had time to take the matter up with the concern, but will do so at once. It is expected that the negotiations will result satisfactorily and that the works will be established here, possibly on the Clarksburg Industrial company's addition.

## OIL WELLS HOLDING UP

Daily Production in Various Fields Is Gratifying to the Operators.

In the Folsom district in Wetzel county the gauges of some of the best producers are as follows: South Penn Oil Company's No. 1 S. P. Starkey, 125 barrels; No. 2, McIntyre-Peterson, 125 barrels; No. 1, Peter-Price, 110 barrels; No. 2, Fox-Robinson, 100 barrels; No. 6 Rachel Talkington, 100 barrels a day.

In the Wallace district the South Penn Oil company has drilled its test on the Jeff Robinson through the strays and the hole has filled up 500 feet with fluid.

James Plant, Esq., is here today from Katylick.

## DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Meigs, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolf, of Adamstown, died at 11 o'clock this forenoon from scarlet fever, after an illness of several days.

The funeral services will be held at the family residence at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be in the Hepzibah Baptist church cemetery.

## DIRECTOR REAPPOINTED.

Governor White has re-appointed John Cummins, of Wheeling, a director for the West Virginia Industrial School for Girls at Salem, for a term of six years, beginning April 1, 1903.

F. M. Ashcraft is here today from Wolf Summit.

## STATE CONVENTION

OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS  
WILL BE HELD IN PARKERSBURG NEXT MONTH.

INTERESTING PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IS ANNOUNCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Able Speakers Have Been Secured, Among Whom Is the Rev. Lewis E. Peters of This City.

The Sunday school workers of the state are making preparations for their twenty-first annual convention to be held from April 21-23 at Parkersburg. The meeting will be conducted in the new Methodist Episcopal church, South, and promises to be of a most interesting and elaborate nature, as since the last session wonderful progress has been made in the lining up of the counties, there now being organizations in thirty-three of the fifty-six counties. The program for the convention has just been announced and is as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon Session.  
There, "Preparation," Dr. C. Humble, presiding.

2:00—Meeting of the state executive committee.

Preparation service, Hon. Thomas Coleman, presiding.

2:30—A preparation song, conducted by Prof. E. O. Excell. A preparation prayer, conducted by Rev. A. H. Reece.

3:30—Children's mass meeting, with illustrated address.

Tuesday Evening Session.

Address of welcome.

Annual address by President R. R. Bigger.

Wednesday Morning Session.

8:30—Conference of superintendents and teachers, conducted by W. B. Matthews.

Regular session. Theme, "A Review and a Pre-View."

9:00—Devotional, "The Holy Spirit—Who Is He?" Rev. L. H. Lucas, D. D.

10:30—Value of Organization—Rev. E. Morris Ferguson, general secretary of New Jersey.

10:45—A Look Ahead—President Bigger.

11:30—A Quiet Hour. Putting Self in God's Hands—Rev. Forest E. Dager, Philadelphia.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Theme—Organized County Work.

Rev. R. R. Bigger, presiding.

2:00—Devotional—The Holy Spirit.

Where Is He?—Rev. J. H. Lucas, D. D.

2:30—Address—"Boy-ology"—Rev. L. E. Peters.

2:45—A Quiet Hour—Rev. Forest E. Dager.

Two special conferences.

3:30—Conference of county officers, conducted by Rev. E. M. Ferguson.

Conference of primary and junior workers, conducted by Mrs. M. W. Buck.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Theme—Helping Others.

Song service.

Address—"Decision Day in Sunday School Work," Rev. B. B. Evans.

Address—"The Superintendent at Work," Rev. E. M. Ferguson.

A Quiet Hour—"My Life for Others," Rev. Forest E. Dager.

Thursday Morning Session.

8:30—Special conference with pastors, conducted by Rev. R. R. Bigger.

Theme, "Making the Work Strong," Rev. L. A. Thirkield, presiding.

2:00—Devotional—"The Holy Spirit: His Mission," Rev. J. H. Lucas, D. D.

9:20—Election of officers.

9:40—Address—"Effective Inter-School Organizations," Rev. Ferguson and others.

Questions.

10:30—How to Prepare a Lesson—Rev. F. E. Dager, D. D., writer of "The Lesson Illustrated," for evangelists.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Theme, "Forward," Rev. R. R. Bigger, presiding.

2:00—Devotional—The Holy Spirit: How to Receive Him—Rev. J. H. Lucas, D. D.

Sunday School—Rev. L. A. McNemar, superintendent of home department. (b) How to Get Good Teachers—Rev. L. E. Peters, superintendent of normal. (c) Special Days and Occasions—Prof. H. B. Work.

3:30—Primary work.

4:30—A Study of Next Sunday's Lesson—Rev. F. E. Dager.

5:00—Conference of state officers.

Thursday Evening Session.

Theme, "Results."

Closing song service.

Address, "The Spiritual Life of the Young," Rev. M. F. Compton, D. D.

First annual graduation service.

Address, "In Touch With the Word," Rev. F. E. Dager.

Sparks from the Anvil.

Closing service.

A number of new features will be introduced at this session, and it is anticipated that between 500 and 600 delegates will be present.

## CLARKSBURG KNIGHT TEMPLARS

Will Attend the Annual State Conclave at Parkersburg in Novel Manner.

Two Palatial Railroad Cars Will be Chartered and Commandery Headquarters Will be Established Thereon—Hinted That Clarksburg Knights Will Try to Get Next State Conclave in This City.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Clarksburg Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, for the visit to the annual state conclave of the Grand Commandery, which is to be held in Parkersburg on May 12 and 13. On this occasion the local commandery will entertain the visiting Sir Knights and their ladies in a manner that has never before been undertaken by any Knight Templar commandery in the state at a Grand Commandery conclave.

At the last regular meeting of the commandery, a committee consisting of Messrs. W. Burns McGregor, C. W. Lynch and Harvey F. Smith, was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for the trip. It is the plan of the committee to charter two palatial cars on the B. & O. railroad for the time they will be absent on the trip. There is to be a sleeping car and a dining car, both for the exclusive use of the Clarksburg Knights.

On the arrival of the chartered cars at Parkersburg, they will be switched to a side track. The Knights will make

use of the cars for sleeping and dining accommodations. The novel feature of the occasion will be the establishment of the commandery headquarters on one of the cars. There, as is the custom, the local Knights will entertain the visiting Knights and their ladies in pompous style.

Other arrangements, such as music, etc., are being made by the committee. Wednesday Mr. Allen, the traveling passenger agent of the B. & O. railroad, was in the city for the purpose of taking up the matter of the private cars with the committee. While the arrangements for such have not been actually completed, yet it is almost certain that they will be made as planned.

Out of a membership of eighty-five, the committee expects that fifty Sir Knights will attend the conclave. As is the characteristic custom on such occasions, the Knights will be accompanied by their ladies.

It is also hinted that Clarksburg Commandery will make a diligent effort to secure the next annual state conclave of the Grand Commandery.

## MINERS SCALE COMMITTEE REPORTS DEMAND FOR INCREASE

RESOLUTIONS DELAYING ACTION WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT MITCHELL AND GIVEN IN FULL.—WORK WILL CONTINUE.

The United Mine Workers will probably continue in session the remainder of the week at Huntington.

The joint resolutions were debated and passed by a majority of the conference.

President Mitchell drafted the resolutions and they are as follows:

Whereas, Owing to a misunderstanding, a number of important operators whom we expected to participate in this joint conference are not present, and, whereas, it is the earnest desire of both miners and operators to establish and maintain friendly relations by adjusting all differences through joint conference and mutual agreement, to the end that strikes and lockouts, with their attendant hardships and losses, may be averted and rendered unnecessary, and, whereas, It is the opinion of the operators and miners represented in this convention that these ends and these purposes can be best accomplished in a convention in which the coal operators are represented in greater number, and,

Resolved, That work shall continue under existing rates and conditions until after the adjustment of the joint convention which is to be held on April 14. The scale committee submitted a partial report in which they ask an increase of 8 cents on the ton, and a 10 per cent increase in the pay of all day laborers, check weighmen, etc., on the basis of an 8 hour day, and that in the Kanawha fields a day's work shall consist of 8 hours instead of 9 as it is now. President Mitchell will, it is thought, remain at Huntington until the convention of the mine workers has been concluded.

Resolved, That secretary and chairman of the convention sign the call in behalf of the operators and miners and be instructed to prepare and transmit to each coal operator in the state of West Virginia an invitation to attend a joint convention of operators and miners in the city of Huntington, on April 14th, the purpose of such conference to be the discussion of matters affecting the interests of operators and miners, and the formation of a wage scale and an agreement defining the terms under which work is to be performed. And be it further

## CONTEST OVER REWARD SETTLED IN MEADVILLE COURT

REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF FRANK WOODARD, THE DESPERADO, GOES TO BOGGESS, ISENHART AND CONNELL.—AMOUNT IS TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The contest over the reward offered for the capture of Frank Woodard, the noted burglar who was captured here December 12, 1901, and taken to Meadville, Pa., and convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for 34 years for breaking into a railroad station at Titusville, Pa., and being implicated in the murder of the chief of police of that place, has been settled in the superior court at Meadville. The court, a day or so ago, passed upon the matter and handed down its decision in the case. Attorney J. E. Law has received word that the court awarded the reward to his clients, J. T. Boggess, M. F. Connell and George Isenhart, who made the arrest. The contestants were James J.

Childers and J. A. McCloud, who set up the claim that it was upon information furnished by them that the arrest was made.

The whole amount of the reward is \$2,500. Of this amount the city of Titusville offered \$500 and paid \$300 of it when Woodard was returned to Titusville, Pa., and being implicated in the murder of the chief of police of that place, has been settled in the superior court at Meadville. The court, a day or so ago, passed upon the matter and handed down its decision in the case. Attorney J. E. Law has received word that the court awarded the reward to his clients, J. T. Boggess, M. F. Connell and George Isenhart, who made the arrest. The contestants were James J.

It is stated that McCloud and Childers' estate will get a very small part of the reward, but upon what grounds has not been learned.